

Peer Review

Review of: "Protocol: A Systematic Review of Multi-Sectoral Coordination during the COVID-19 Pandemic—Practices, Challenges, and Recommendations for Future Preparedness"

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The topic is relevant and of public health significance; however, from the content, this is a proposed study, not intended for publication, since it has not been undertaken. The language is in future tense. Has the work been done, or is it proposed?

For considerations to publish, all the threshold requirements for such systematic review articles should be adhered to.

The abstract structure and content need to be guided by the Journal guidelines and other scientific papers on Systematic Reviews. It needs revision.

Are the research questions not clear? The authors need to clearly come up with the research questions that this systematic review seeks to answer. While the authors have identified their PICO, the framework should be used in each research question(s) to be formulated. No specific research questions are formulated for the study.

Critical appraisal with the appraisal tools needs to be well described, with the justification of critical appraisal tool(s) to be used.

The described data sources and data extraction are adequate.

Inclusion and exclusion criteria need to be enhanced.

The data analysis plan is well described; however, where meta-analysis will be appropriate, the clear conditions, e.g., quantitative data available from each study to calculate effect sizes and sufficient methodological homogeneity between studies to justify pooling data, should be indicated.

Generally, the proposed work is doable.

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.